# Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

## Supervisor's Report on Use of Force



# 240/539

**Incident Information**

URN: 916-062228-2116-252 | Date: 04-23-16 | Time: 2320

Location: [redacted] Pelton Avenue | City or Station: Paramount

Bureau/Station/Facility: Central Patrol Division / Century Station | Admin. Investigation: ○ YES ◉ NO

Type of Force: Canine Deployment / Suspect Bitten

Incident Category: ○1 ○2 ◉3 | Deputy Injury: ○ YES ◉ NO | Suspect Injury ◉ YES ○ NO

☐ Call ☐ Observation ☒ Detail ☐ Foot Pursuit ☐ Vehicle Pursuit

IAB Notified: ◉YES ○ NO | Person Notified: I.A.B. Notification Group | Emp: | IAB Roll Out ○ YES ◉ NO

**Involved Employee**

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| Employee # | Last Name | First Name | Middle I. | Rank |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | Reedy | Spencer | | B-1 |

Sex: ◉ M ○ F | Race: W | Height: 6-01 | Weight: 225 | Age: [redacted] | Shift: ○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM | ◉ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: Special Enforcement Bureau | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): Canine Services Detail / 240K93

Individual Force Used: Deployment of Canine | ◉ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist | Individual Category ○1 ○2 ◉3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: | Coroner Case #

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| Employee # | Last Name | First Name | Middle I. | Rank |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | | B-1 |

Sex: ◉ M ○ F | Race: W | Height: 6-07 | Weight: 230 | Age: [redacted] | Shift: ○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM | ◉ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: Special Enforcement Bureau | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): Canine Services Detail / 240K97

Individual Force Used: Control Hold | ○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist | Individual Category ◉1 ○2 ○3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: | Coroner Case #

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| Employee # | Last Name | First Name | Middle I. | Rank |
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Sex: ○ M ○ F | Race: | Height: | Weight: | Age: | Shift: ○ EM ○ Day ○ PM | ○ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):

Individual Force Used: | ○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist | Individual Category ○1 ○2 ○3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: | Coroner Case #

**On Duty Supervisor** ☐ Additional Involved Employees

| Emp. # | Last Name | First Name | Middle I. | Rank | Present | Witness to Incident |
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| [redacted] | Conti | Richard | | SGT | YES ◉ NO ○ | YES ◉ NO ○ |

**Supervisor Completing Investigation**

| Emp. # | Last Name | First Name | Middle I. | Rank | Present | Witness to Incident |
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| [redacted] | Conti | Richard | | SGT | YES ◉ NO ○ | YES ◉ NO ○ |

**Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant**

| Emp. # | Last Name | First Name | Middle I. | Rank |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | Chase | Bruce | D. | LT |

LT [signature] | 6/6/16

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant's Signature: | Date | Copy Provided to Employee by: | Emp #:

JACK W EWELL | Jack W. Ewell | [redacted] | 6-13-16

Unit Commander (Print Name) | Unit Commander's Signature: | Emp #: | Date

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☒ PPI REVIEW COMPLETED

Original: Discovery Unit
Copy: Unit Commander

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## SUSPECT INFORMATION

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### Suspect Information

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| Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | Armed? Select |
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| Valles | Evodio | | Not Armed |

| AKA Last Name | First Name | Middle Name |
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| Sex | Race | Age | Height | Weight | D.O.B. | Phone #1: ○ H ○ W ◉ C | Phone #2: ○ H ○ W ○ C |
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| ◉ Male ○ Female | H | 41 | 509 | 280 | 07-09-74 | [redacted] | N/A |

| Street Address | City | State & Zip Code |
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| [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] |

Booking #: 4644412 Primary Charge Code: 487(D)(1) PC Secondary Charge Code: 2800.2 VC [redacted] Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ◉ YES ○ NO Name: LACFD Unit: 57 Phone #: 323-881-2411

Hospital Admission? ☐ Rec'd Treatment At: Lakewood Regional Coroner Case #: Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Doctor Pacheco Address: 3700 South Street Lakewood 90712 Phone #: 562-531-2550

Under Influence: ○ YES ◉ NO Substance: None 5150 a factor in force? ○ YES ◉ NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Date: 05-01-16 Time: 1910 ☐ Audiotape: ☒ Videotape: ☒ Photos of Injuries: ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Suspect Information

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| ○ Male ○ Female | | | | | | | |

| Street Address | City | State & Zip Code |
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Booking #: Primary Charge Code: Secondary Charge Code: ☐ Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ○ YES ○ NO By: Unit: Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☐ Rec'd Treatment At: Coroner Case #: Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Address: Phone #:

Under Influence: ○ YES ○ NO Substance: 5150 a factor in force? ○ YES ○ NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Date: Time: ☐ Audiotape: ☐ Videotape: ☐ Photos of Injuries: ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Suspect Information

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Booking #: Primary Charge Code: Secondary Charge Code: ☐ Criminal History

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Hospital Admission? ☐ Rec'd Treatment At: Coroner Case #: Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Address: Phone #:

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☐ **Additional Suspects Involved**

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# EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

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**Employee Witnesses**

| Emp. # | Last Name | First Name | Middle Name |
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| [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | |

| Unit of Assignment: | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): | Shift: | |
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| SEB / CSD | 240K97 | ○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM | ◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty |

| Emp. # | Last Name | First Name | Middle Name |
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| [redacted] | Reedy | Spencer | |

| Unit of Assignment: | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): | Shift: | |
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| SEB / CSD | 240K93 | ○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM | ◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty |

| Emp. # | Last Name | First Name | Middle Name |
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| [redacted] | Edwards | Darell | |

| Unit of Assignment: | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): | Shift: | |
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| SEB / SED | Red Team | ○ EM ◉ Day PM | ◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty |

**Non-Employee Witnesses**

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☐ Additional Witness

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***Method***

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton: (Control)
(BI) Baton: (Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds: (Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds: (Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds: (Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(RO) Restraint Device (Other)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device: Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device: Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(IR) Less Lethal Impact Round (other)
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative
(HR) High Risk

***Type of Injury***

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

***Body Part Involved***

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hands
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(NO) Nose
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

| FORCE USED BY | | FORCE USED AGAINST | | Method (Code) | Type of Injury (Code) | Body Part (Code) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Name | E# or S# | Name | E# or S# | | | |
| Evodio Valles | S#1 | Spencer Reedy | E#1 | HR | | |
| Spencer Reedy | E#1 | Evodio Valles | S#1 | CN | DB | AR |
| Spencer Reedy | E#1 | Evodio Valles | S#1 | CN | DB | HD |
| Evodio Valles | S#1 | Adam Stoll | E#2 | HR | | |
| [redacted] | E#2 | Evodio Valles | S#1 | CT | | |
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# Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

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## Canine Deployment - Supervisor's Review

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|---|---|---|---|
| Primary Handler: Reedy, Spencer | # [redacted] | Canine: Basco | Unit: 240K93 |
| Assist Handler: | # | Canine: | Unit: |
| Assist Handler: | # | Canine: | Unit: |
| Assist Handler: | # | Canine: | Unit: |

**TYPE OF SEARCH**

- ☒ Area
- ☐ Other:
- ☐ Building

**TYPE OF INCIDENT**

- ☒ Bite
- ☐ Other:

**BITE OCCURRED WHILE**

- ☒ Apprehending Suspect
- ☐ Conducting Search
- ☐ Protecting Handler
- ☐ Other:

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ☒ Announcements Were Made
- ☐ None (Reason):
- ☒ by Aero Unit
- ☒ by Radio Car
- ☒ English
- ☒ Spanish
- ☒ Recorded

Announcement Made by: Sergeant Conti / Air Unit

**Criminal History**

[redacted]

**Notifications**

Chief Scott D. Edson, Special Operations Division
Captain Jack W. Ewell, Special Enforcement Bureau
Lieutenant Bruce Chase, Special Enforcement Bureau
Internal Affairs Bureau Mandatory Notification Group

On Saturday April 23, 2016, a Century Station patrol unit received a "LoJack" hit in the city of Lynwood on a stolen mini-van. The deputy began to search the area and observed the vehicle as it entered the eastbound 105 FWY from Long Beach Blvd. As the deputy attempted to get behind the vehicle, the driver, and sole occupant (Suspect Valles) began to take evasive maneuvers, accelerating away and weaving in and out of traffic lanes near other vehicles. At this point, the deputy initiated a pursuit and requested assistance. Suspect Valles continued to accelerate and weave in and out of traffic lanes. The deputy lost sight of the vehicle in the area of the 105 FWY and Garfield Blvd. A sheriff's air unit, responding to the pursuit, located the stolen mini-van as it drove at a high rate of speed, with its headlights off, in a residential neighborhood south of the 105 FWY. The air unit observed Suspect Valles stop the van and run down the side of a house, toward the backyard. A containment was established and CSD was requested to assist in searching for the suspect.

Canine Services Detail Deputy Reedy and I arrived on scene and were briefed by the handling unit. I approved the use of a police service dog to search for Suspect Valles based on the following:

- Suspect Valles fled from uniformed deputies, both in a vehicle and on foot, rather than peacefully submitting to a lawful detention.

- Suspect Valles had already shown a callous disregard for the safety of others in the community, driving recklessly and dangerously on both the freeway and residential streets while fleeing.

- Suspect Valles was driving a stolen vehicle. Stolen vehicles are commonly used by suspects to facilitate their involvement in other more serious and violent felonies, such as burglaries, robberies and drive-by shootings.

- Suspect Valles presented a threat to law enforcement and the community by running into a residential neighborhood, where he could potentially break into someone's home, or even possibly take a resident hostage, in order to avoid capture.

- Suspect Valles hid in a residential area, which gave him the opportunity to conceal himself and carry out an ambush of the law enforcement personnel who were now responsible for locating him.

-The deployment of a police service dog would decrease the chances of a deputy involved shooting and allow for a safer means of locating and detaining Suspect Valles.

-The use of a police service dog would provide deputies the ability to locate Suspect Valles from a safer distance, minimizing their exposure, while also allowing them to utilize cover and concealment prior to engaging him.

Deputy Reedy assembled a search team which included his police service dog "Basco," along with myself and SEB Deputies [redacted] #[redacted] and Darell Edwards #[redacted]

Prior to beginning our search, I played pre-recorded canine announcements throughout the contained area. The pre-recorded announcements advised that a police service dog was going to be deployed. The announcements instructed Suspect Valles to surrender to the nearest deputy sheriff. The announcements also informed him he may be bitten by the police dog when located if he did not surrender. The announcements were broadcast continuously in both English and Spanish throughout the contained area.

I played the announcements as I drove southbound on Pelton Avenue from Rood Street, eastbound on Mendy Street, northbound on Garfield Avenue and westbound on Rood Street back toward Pelton Avenue. I continuously played the announcements on the north side of [redacted] Pelton Avenue (on Rood Street) since this was the location the suspect was last seen. The announcements provided Suspect Valles with ample opportunity to surrender and avoid any contact with a police service dog.

Aside from the announcements I played, I asked the air unit, which was orbiting above, to also play the same pre-recorded canine announcements from the public address system of their helicopter. The air unit played the announcements as it continuously orbited above. There was no response from Suspect Valles to any of the announcements.

I contacted the air unit who saw Suspect Valles run from the stolen vehicle. Upon asking them, they told me they could positively identify Suspect Valles if they saw him again. I also confirmed that they last saw Suspect Valles run toward the backyard along the south side of the house. They added they could not tell if Suspect Valles entered the house, entered a rear detached garage, or was possibly hiding among the numerous junk items which covered the majority of the backyard. They said the backyard resembled "a junk yard."

Based on the information we received from the air unit, we decided to begin our search at the property where he was last seen. Before deploying the dog, we attempted to make contact with the residents of the house. The purpose was to check on their safety, ascertain if they saw the suspect and to inquire if anyone known to them was in the backyard or back house. We were also going to warn them not to come outside since we were going to have a dog deployed. We knocked on the front door to the house. After knocking several times, the front door opened. A male voice asked what we needed. We could not see inside the house due to the security screen door. The male was evasive when we asked him questions. Fearing there may be a problem inside, we instructed him to open the security screen door. The male refused and closed the interior door. As we prepared for a possible crisis entry into the location, the air unit advised that the suspect ran out the back door of the house. At the same moment, the front door opened and a woman ran out of the house yelling frantically that the suspect was in her home.

We asked the airship to try and maintain sight of the suspect as we cleared the inside of the house and made our way to the back door. The air unit broadcasted that they could still see the suspect along the east/rear wall of the property. In my experience,

sometimes helicopters lose sight of suspects as the orbit around the area. They stated they believed the suspect was somewhere next to the rear garage, by the rear wall leading to the residence east of us. My fear was the helicopter could lose sight of the suspect, or worse, the suspect would jump over the wall and break into a neighboring house, again creating potential for a hostage situation, as he had already forced his way into one house.

From the back door of the house, I could see the backyard was full of junk. We could not see the back wall, or the suspect. I directed Deputy Reedy to make several verbal announcements warning the suspect we were about to deploy the dog. After receiving no response, I directed Deputy Reedy to deploy his dog into the rear yard.

We could see the dog negotiate around the junk and we then lost sight of him. Moments later, the helicopter advised that the dog had engaged the suspect. They also advised Suspect Valles was fighting the dog. We made our way around the items in the yard and toward the rear wall. As we approached, we could now see the suspect. We saw the dog had detained him by biting him on his right forearm. The suspect was rolling on the ground and struggling with the dog, attempting to force his arm out of the dog's mouth. Utilizing the advantage provided to us by the dog having him engaged, we cautiously closed the remaining distance, while giving Suspect Valles numerous commands to stop fighting the dog. At first he did not follow our orders, instead ignoring us and continuing to strike the dog and attempting to pull his arm out from his mouth, still appearing determined to fight and/or flee again. However, as we moved closer and he appeared to finally realize he was not going to be able to break away from the dog, he finally began to follow commands, rolling towards us so that we could see his hands were empty and asking us to remove the dog. However, he was still in a struggle with the dog, making it more difficult and chaotic in the close quarters. Based upon his demeanor, we were unsure if Suspect Valles would attempt to flee and/or fight with us as soon as he was free from the dog. Suspect Valles was ordered onto his stomach and Deputy [redacted] placed his foot on his upper back in order to control him from struggling further. Deputy Reedy was then able to successfully remove Basco from the bite and move him away in order to prevent any further canine contact. Deputy Edwards then quickly moved in and handcuffed Suspect Valles without further incident.

Paramedics were immediately requested to respond and treat Suspect Valles for his injuries.

The air unit advised us that Suspect Valles was the person who they saw run from the stolen vehicle and the person who ran out the back door of the house.

Canine Basco was approximately 35-40 feet from the search team when the bite occurred. He engaged Suspect Valles for approximately 30-35 seconds.

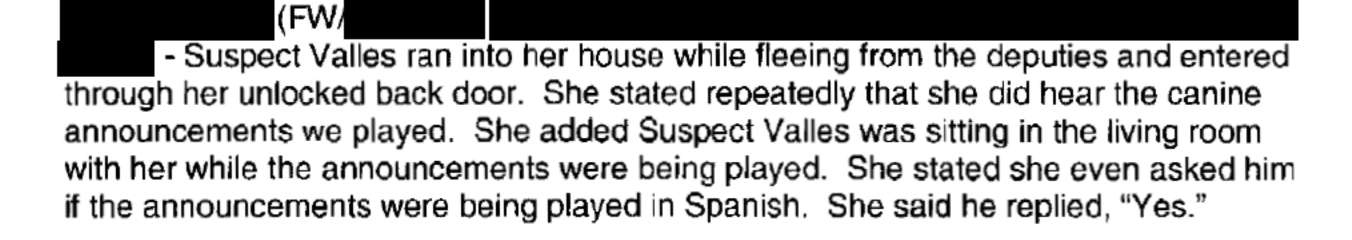
Suspect Valles was treated on scene by Los Angeles County Fire Paramedics from Station 57, under the direction of Captain Smith. He was subsequently taken to Lakewood Regional Medical Center where he was medically evaluated under the

direction of Doctor Pacheco. He was treated for canine cuts and punctures to his right forearm and a cut to his left palm. He also had a small cut on the left side of his head. The doctor told us it did not appear to have been caused by a dog bite. The medical treatment revealed Suspect Valles suffered a laceration to his left hand from trying to pry the dog off of his right forearm, where he received multiple lacerations and a small, nondisplaced hairline fracture of his right arm radius bone. It is believed the fracture occurred as Suspect Valles attempted to forcibly pull his arm out of the dog's mouth. He was medically cleared for routine booking and was transported to and booked at Lakewood Station.

I notified Canine Services Detail Lieutenant Chase and Internal Affairs Bureau of the incident.

**WITNESS INTERVIEWS**

I contacted residents in the area the bite occurred and asked them if they heard the pre-recorded canine announcements which were played in the area. These statements were audio recorded.


[redacted] (FW/[redacted] - Suspect Valles ran into her house while fleeing from the deputies and entered through her unlocked back door. She stated repeatedly that she did hear the canine announcements we played. She added Suspect Valles was sitting in the living room with her while the announcements were being played. She stated she even asked him if the announcements were being played in Spanish. She said he replied, "Yes."

[redacted] (MH/[redacted] - He stated he heard the announcements in English and Spanish, but he didn't hear the "deploy the police dog" part. He said he heard them played from inside his house, but it was muffled. He said he did hear the word "preparando," which he knew in Spanish as "prepare."

**SUSPECT STATEMENTS**

On the night of the incident, I attempted to conduct a video recorded interview with Suspect Valles. However, I later determined it had not properly saved. Therefore, on Saturday May 1, 2016, at 1910 hours, I conducted another recorded interview with Suspect Valles at Men's Central Jail. The suspect's version of events remained fairly consistent during both of my interviews with him. Below is a brief overview of our conversation.

Suspect Valles said he did not hear the announcements. He told me the lady (the resident) had the TV on and he didn't hear any announcements. When asked if the female resident heard them, he replied that if she did, she never mentioned it to him. He told me that if he had heard the announcements, he definitely would have surrendered, because being bitten by the canine was very painful.

Suspect Valles said he was in the back of the property sitting down when the dog made contact with him. He said the dog came in and bit him on his right arm and he yelled. He said he hit the floor and tried to tell the dog to stop. He stated he first believed it was the resident's dog. When asked what happened when the deputies approached him, he said he told them to make the dog let go, but the deputies just looked at him. He went on to say that one of the deputies had his foot on top of his upper back, at the base of his head, pushing him down and placing a gun to his head. He said he kept telling the deputies to have the dog let him go, telling them he was unarmed. He said after about two to three minutes, they made the dog let go. He said once the deputies told the dog to let go, the dog let go. He stated the dog bit him on his right arm and his left hand. He said he also had a small cut on his head, which wasn't from the dog, but rather likely happened when he fell while climbing over junk in the yard.

Because Suspect Valles had said he thought the deputies had deliberately allowed the dog to bite him for an extended period of time, I asked him how long in total he thought the bite lasted. He said it was "like in movies" where "everything happens in slow motion." He stated that he thought the dog was probably biting him for at least five to ten minutes, in total, and "a good two minutes" after the deputies approached him.

When asked, he stated he was not high and had not been drinking that day. He also stated he did not suffer from any psychological issues. He said he has anxiety, but he has not been diagnosed nor does he take any medication.

I concluded my interview.

**CONCLUSION**

This use of force occurred due to Suspect Valles' desire to avoid capture. From the onset of this incident, Suspect Valles demonstrated his unwillingness to submit to a lawful detention by accelerating to a high rate of speed and recklessly driving in and out of traffic. He did this before the deputy had a chance to get behind him and attempt to conduct a traffic stop. Suspect Valles was driving so erratically that the pursuing deputy briefly lost sight of him.

Once out of the vehicle and on foot, Suspect Valles continued with his disregard for public safety by running into an unlocked back door of an unsuspecting resident. Despite telling me he did not hear the canine announcements, the lone female inside the residence told me she heard the announcements and even asked Suspect Valles if the announcements were also being played in Spanish. Suspect Valles was well aware the police were in the area and could have surrendered at any time. Once the search team knocked on the front door of the residence, and he realized the police were at the location, rather than peacefully surrender, he again attempted to avoid capture by running out the back door and going toward the back fence. It is my belief, due to his actions, his intentions were to exit the property and continue to attempt to elude capture by running into an adjacent property, thus exposing additional residents to danger, terrifying them and causing the incident to escalate. I believe it was only his somewhat

large and overweight stature that prohibited him from successfully jumping over the fence.

The search team acted prudently by deploying the police dog into the rear yard after making additional announcements. The announcements gave Suspect Valles another chance to avoid contact with the police dog and surrender peacefully. Knowing Suspect Valles had already entered the home of an unsuspecting resident, they had the responsibility to quickly capture him before he could further endanger the community. The quickest and safest way to safely capture him in the dark and cluttered yard was by using the police service dog.

Even once the dog made contact with Suspect Valles, the helicopter relayed to the search team that he was fighting with the dog. Once the search team approached him, he continued to fight with the dog. He was striking the dog and attempting to pull and shake his arm out from the dog's mouth. Once the team was close to him, it appeared he realized he was not going to get away. Only then did he reluctantly comply with their commands. Suspect Valles was given commands to lay on his stomach and place his hands behind his back. When Suspect Valles complied, Deputy [redacted] moved in and placed his foot on Suspect Valles' upper back. Once Deputy Reedy saw Suspect Valles was not armed, and not in a position to retrieve a weapon, he removed his dog from his bite. Deputy Reedy removed his dog and moved several feet back, both to avoid additional contact with the suspect and to give other members of the search team room to take Suspect Valles into custody.

Suspect Valles' statements after the fact that he never heard any announcements and would have surrendered immediately if he had known a dog was going to be deployed are somewhat self-serving. The deputies had been broadcasting announcements for some time and had arrived at the doorway to the house with a dog, when he chose to flee out the back, rather than surrender. Suspect Valles' estimation of the time the dog was biting him was also not realistic. Despite the search team having to navigate through the junk filled yard to get to him and the time it took until he stopped fighting the dog and complied, the total time the dog was in contact with him was about half a minute, not the five to ten minutes he estimated. By Suspect Valles' own account, he stated the way he remembered the incident was in "slow motion." The injuries an individual would have sustained from being bitten continuously for more than five minutes would have been significantly worse.

## CHARGES

The District Attorney filed charges of Taking a Vehicle without Owner's Consent, 10851(a) CVC; Reckless Driving, 23103(A) CVC; and Driving on a Suspended License, 14601.1 CVC, under case number TA13991101.